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ANNUAL Y. M. AND Y. L. M. I. A.
CONFERENCE.

The Fourteenth General Annual Conference of the Young men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Salt Lake City, on Saturday and Sunday, June 5th and 6th, 1909.
All officers and members of the association are requested to be present at all of the meetings of the conference, and a cordial invitation is hereby extended to the Saints generally to attend the meetings to be held in the Tabernacle on Sunday, June 6th, at 10 a. m. and at 2 and 7 p. m.
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ANNUAL PRIMARY CONFERENCE.
The seventh annual general conference of the officers of the Primary associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Salt Lake City, June 4th, 5th and 6th, 1909. All officers, stake and local, are requested to be present at all the sessions of this conference.
LOUIE B. FELT,
MAY ANDERSON,
CLARA W. BEEBE,
Presidency Primary Associations.

SUCCESS ASSURED.
The promoters of the building of the big business block on Main and South Temple streets are very enthusiastic about the success of the enterprise, as well they may be. The ground has been secured at a very reasonable price, and subscriptions are coming in at a gratifying rate. Mr. John C. Cutler said last night that several hundred thousand dollars were already in sight before the actual work of taking subscriptions had commenced. The general opinion is that this is a good investment.

Salt Lake will need a number of first-class hotels and business blocks in the near future. Anti-Mormonism is going to be buried and the citizens are going to put together for a greater Salt Lake, and when they do so, their efforts will be crowned with success. Owing to the eternal turmoil caused by fanatics and ambitious office-seekers for their own selfish purposes, the development of this city has been retarded and other cities to the east and west of us have passed us in the race. But that is not going to be the case always. Salt Lake, under normal American conditions will more than catch up with other cities and become one of the industrial and commercial centers. It will be a pleasure and health resort, as well, and a resting place for tourists from all over the world. It is going to be a convention city, with large annual gatherings. It will need first-class hotels, such as that now planned. Enterprises of this kind mean millions for our community.

This summer, with the encampment of the Grand Army here, and the Seattle exposition, hundreds of thousands will undoubtedly visit this city. Half a million visitors is not an exaggerated estimate. Many of those are, perhaps, looking for a place in which to locate permanently. The immense building operations on Main street will be one of the best advertisements for the city that is sure to bring returns. We hope, therefore, that the stock will be speedily subscribed for and all the plans perfected, so that construction can commence before long. Building operations of this magnitude are an actual demonstration of progress that is convincing to all.

AFRAID OF PEACE.
The Tribune today emits another "whining screech"—we borrow this favorite term of the Tribune—because the "News" yesterday urged the business men of this city, who are most interested in its prosperity, to use their influence for the elimination from local politics of the anti-Mormon sentiment which constitutes the chief cornerstone of the present regime. The very allusion to harmony and united effort among citizens, in a truly American spirit, has the same effect upon it as music upon some dogs. It "whines" and even howls.
There is nothing the Tribune fears as much as the establishment of truly American conditions here. The very thought of it embitters its soul. Like Demetrius of old it fights for its own revenue and prestige, and it fears that both would suffer were citizens here to unite as American citizens and pull together. It has lived so long in the future atmosphere of strife and contention that it fears suffocation if that atmosphere were purified and penetrated by God's sunshine of human kindness, toleration, and harmonious co-operation. But its "whining" and howling indicate that the appeal for harmony is needed.
So we say again that the business men more than anybody else, are interested in the elimination of anti-Mormon bigotry and the restoration of normal American conditions. They have nothing to gain and much to lose

by the continuation of needless and utterly senseless contention. They have it in their power to stop it. If they make up their mind to do so. And, to begin with, they might register a condemnation of a newspaper that finds encouragement in slander and abuse.

A QUESTION OF SUCCESSOR.
If the Sultan of Turkey is driven from the throne, or assassinated, the question of a successor will have to be decided by the party in power.
The legitimate heir to the throne is Mehmed Reza Khan, the third son of Sultan Abdul-Medjid. He was born on Nov. 2, 1844. But he has been kept, practically, a prisoner by Abdul-Hamid. He has been shut up in his harem where he has seen only the members of his own household and his jailers. After years of seclusion he can hardly be expected to be in position to assume the role of leader of a new Turkey which he probably knows nothing about. He has received no education and everything has been done to weaken him intellectually, lest he should plot the destruction of the present despot.
Youssef Ismail Effendi is mentioned as a more probable successor of Abdul-Hamid. He is the eldest son of Abdul-Aziz. At the time of his father's death he was 10 years old, and he has been given a good education. He understands European politics and has been able to keep abreast of Turkish affairs. It is believed that Youssef would be a liberal sovereign, true to the constitution and acceptable to the European powers.
There are other possible successors but the choice, it is believed, is between these two, unless the party in power should disregard the law and precedents. According to the Mohammedan law it is the duty of the ecclesiastical head of the country, the Sheikh-ul-Islam, to proclaim accessions to the throne. The present incumbent of that office is said to be an obscure priest from Macedonia, willing to obey orders, and no one can know before-hand just what disposition will be made of the question of succession.
There seems to be no doubt now that Abdul-Hamid himself planned the revolt of the army by which the revolutionary party was temporarily put out of commission. It seems high, probable also that he gave orders to the Kurds in Asia Minor to start another massacre of Armenians and missionaries. For those outrages never take place unless word is given from Constantinople and the murderers are reasonably sure of government protection. The massacres were, no doubt, planned as a means of creating the impression abroad that foreigners are unsafe under the new regime, and inducing the powers to consent to the restoration of the old order. But these plans have utterly failed.
There is little doubt that, in the long run, Europe will have to interfere to straighten out the Turkish tangle. That task can be postponed but not for ever. Some time it must be taken hold of. And there is, possibly, no other way of accomplishing lasting results than by the complete segregation of races within in the empire and the establishment of Palestine as a neutral, independent state. That would be the end of the Turkish problem. That would also be the removal of one of the most threatening dangers to the peace of the world.

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION.
New York is planning for the celebration of the explorations of Hudson and the advent of Fulton's steamboat. The 25th of September will be the opening day of the festivities.
The estimated cost of the event has been made public. A hundred thousand dollars will be spent on illumination, and the carnivals and historical parades will cost \$190,550. Ten thousand dollars will be devoted to celebration medals, of which five hundred will be struck off at a cost of \$7.50 each. Two gold medals, to cost \$1,000 each will be made; one for King Edward and another for Queen Wilhelmina of Holland.
A replica of Fulton's first steamboat will cost \$50,000, and \$5,000 will be set apart for the entertainment of delegates from Holland. Aeronautics will be one feature, and that display is to cost \$15,000. The escort for the reproductions of the two vessels will make the most elaborate water parade in the country's history, and there will be minor celebrations of various kinds for the entire hundred and fifty miles between New York and Albany. All together considerably over a million dollars will be spent on the various features of the celebration. But New York expects that a few million of visitors will be attracted and considers the expenditures in the light of a paying investment.

FARMERS AND LUMBER.
Farm life for April, a paper representing Western farming interests, once more takes up the question of tariff on lumber. The House of Representatives voted a reduction of 50 per cent on rough lumber but left the duty on the finished product, although somewhat reduced, practically at a prohibitive figure.
Farm life takes the view that if the American consumer is to derive any benefit from the tariff reduction on lumber it is the finished product that ought to be made cheaper, because very little lumber in the rough is imported, except by the dealers, since the transportation charges, naturally would be too high. Farm life argues that a high lumber tariff does not protect American labor, Canadian lumber labor, this paper says, on the whole is paid a higher wage than American labor, in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces wages are slightly less than in Maine; in Ontario they do not differ from those in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, while in British Columbia they are in excess of wages in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California.
Furthermore, cheaper lumber would be, Farm life argues, one means of conserving our forests. For every tree cut down in Canadian forests and shipped to this country in the shape of lumber, a tree is saved here.
"This talk about low grade lumber

being left in the woods by our lumbermen in case Canadian lumber is not sold in this country, is a bit of a puzzle. It will cost the Canadian lumbermen as much, or more, to take the tree out of the woods and manufacture it into lumber as it will our own. In addition thereto he will have a greater freight to pay on account of his remoteness from our market; as if Canadian stumpage represented no value, our lumbermen would nevertheless, from an economic standpoint, be compelled to manufacture his low grade lumber. But even if the low grade logs were left in the woods and the lumber which would otherwise be manufactured from it is supplied from Canadian forests, it would not result in the greater destruction of our forests—it would have no effect thereon.
But the chief argument is that the farmers need cheaper wood. As a class they are great consumers of wood. Their homes generally are built of lumber. Wood enters largely into the construction of fences and the implements the farmer buys for the operation of the farm, and he is the continual buyer of lumber for repairs and odd uses around the farm. They, more than many other citizens, are affected by the lumber prices and they are following the discussion on the tariff with unusual interest.
Does Pussy want a corner in wheat?
It isn't to a man's credit to be in debt.
Very naturally trouble crops out in Turkey.
Empty dreams often come from too full stomachs.
The more a man thinks the less he talks. Think more.
When packers color oleomargarine they are in shady business.
The streams give every indication of making a run on the banks.
Some break ground to build while others break themselves to build.
A man might be a booze fighter and fight high water at the same time.
You don't have to borrow trouble. People are only too glad to give it to you.
When a man acts on the spur of the moment it is generally a flank movement.
An artist is more apt to have a model wife than to be a model husband.
Every office-seeker wants to put himself in his (the office-holder's) place.
The unit of all investments and enterprises in Salt Lake has become a million.
Senator Aldrich admits that a Daniel came to judgment but he didn't agree with him.
Turkey today offers the finest field for the play and display of Castro's peculiar qualities.
They have had a regular circus in the Chicago wheat pit. The bears have been in the saddle.
In this veiled movement for the annexation of Cuba a Kentucky representative is at the helm.
Mankind in general can be trusted but it is just as well to be careful about the particular man.
It is trusting to a clock that is slow that causes an alarm when a man is in a hurry to catch a train.
It is much easier to stop the leaks in the intercepting sewer pipe than to stop those of the city treasury.
And if boys will not adopt the literary standard of probation officers they will be liable to be sent to the reform school?
This is the administration of good feeling. Senator Tillman has called at the White House and paid his respects to the President.
Those Young Turks seem to have old heads on their shoulders but if the Sultan whines out they may have no heads whatever on their shoulders.
Astonishment is expressed that Colonel Roosevelt should have changed his hunting plans. His African plans are not made of Ethiopian skin or leopard spots.
"If the country knew the truth regarding the present condition of the navy there would be a panic," says Admiral Lord Charles Berosford. What is the difference whether or not the country knows the truth? There is a naval panic in England anyhow.
ABSURD NOTIONS.
Philadelphia Inquirer.
It is not true that most marriages are failures. We only hear of those which turn out badly. The life of devotion to the family hearthstone is common, but generally unnoticed, because uninteresting in an objective sense. The affinity business is a disgusting effort to establish a system that is wrong in its ethics and a failure in practice. Emotional young women and iconoclastic young men will please take notice.
AMPLE ROOM FOR ALL.
St. Louis Republic.
President Eliot of Harvard starts many thousands of people when he says that colleges and universities whose presidents are chosen from among ministers of the gospel are not progressive. But since great institutions like Harvard and the state universities are under strictly secular direction, wouldn't it be just as well to let people who want to send their boys to schools that are guided by religious influences do as they like about it?
MODJESKA AND HER SON.
Boston Transcript.
Both as a woman and an actress Modjeska had a secure place in the affections and admiration of the people of this country, which evidently owes her more than her contributions to high and clean art. It is interesting to learn that the new Manhattan bridge is going up under the careful supervision of her son, Ralph Modjeska of Chicago, who has been called as an

outside expert to watch the progress of the structure. He is regarded as standing in the front rank of bridge engineers in this country, if not in the world. He was at the head of the commission that investigated the Quebec bridge disaster, and is a contribution to the scientific service of this country for which we are indebted to Poland and its brilliant skilled daughter.
PERIODICAL OUTBURSTS.
Baltimore American.
The people who want the world to lead the simple life in spelling desire to get out a magazine. After a period of quiescence so deep as to suggest an extinct crater they have burst forth with redoubled violence upon the language, and nothing dismayed by the fact that their principal prop has left spelling still unsimplified for the comparatively easier task of shooting African lions, are going valiantly on to convert the public to a greater economy in the use of the alphabet.
JUST FOR FUN
Patience. Getting married stopped his stammering.
Patience. How so?
Patience. His wife won't let him open his mouth now.—Yonkers Statesman.
Him. I've come to a conclusion.
Her. What is it?
Him. I realized today that I have been a bachelor for 35 years, and—
Her. Oh, Jack, this is so sudden.
Him. And I decided that I'd had a bully time and that I'd keep it up.—Cleveland Leader.
Elderly Bachelor—"Mrs. Burnside, will you marry me?"
Attractive Widow—"Mr. Wackford, are you forgetting that I have six children?"
Elderly Bachelor—"Not at all, I want to help you train up those little youngsters—darn em!"—Chicago Tribune.
"Jane," he said, "when I think of asking your father for your hand I wish I was one of the knights of old."
"That's very sweet of you, George. But why do you want to be a knight?"
"Well, they wore iron clothes, you know."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
"That girl is afraid of her shadow," said the young woman.
"Well," answered the young man, "if it's a shadow cast while she is wearing one of those new-fashioned hats I don't blame her."—Washington Star.
Mrs. Scragginton—Tomorrow is the fourteenth anniversary of our wedding.
Mr. Scragginton—Well, you needn't lament me with it.—Puck.
Angry Mamma—I am going to whip you, Tommy, for fighting Willie Jones when I forbade it.
Diplomatic Tommy—But, mamma, he said his new Easter hat was twice as big and three times stylisher than yours.
Angry Mamma—He did, the little wretch! I hope you gave it to him good and plenty.—Baltimore American.
Dress for the Season
Bones (telling a story)—Well, the evening wore on—
Jones—It did, eh? What did it wear?
Bones—Well, if you must know, I believe it was the close of a summer day.—Life.
Olive—Did he steal a kiss from you?
Ellie—He tried to, but—
Olive—Well?
Ellie—A fair exchange is no robbery, you know.—Chicago News.
Girls Is Girls
Pension Inquiry Officer—Have you ever been in the hands of the police?
Applicant—Well—er—sir, you see I used to be a cook? Girls will be girls! Besides it was a good many years ago, and he was a sergeant.—Punch.

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